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To the Committee,

My name is Jason, I am an adult of the failed Australian Curriculum. I struggled all throughout school, constantly ridiculed by teachers and put down for not performing to standard. My parents blindly trusted the system and put the full responsibility of my learning in the school they sent me to. Upon finishing school in year 10, I enrolled myself into night school where I could work through out the day and learn at night. I now run a successful farming business, however, this is no thanks to the system, or your curriculum... The system failed me!

I will not stand back and let these changes occur with out my say being heard. As my children progress through their schooling years I can see the Australian curriculum and the schooling system still does not suit all learners for many reasons. You need to acknowledge this and let parents take control in the choices of how to better educate children. There are so many enriching opportunities out there for home schoolers, why must we comply and be bound by one curriculum? I wont let my children suffer like I did!

My eldest, is well above the national standard curriculum, has never struggled during school however, found school very boring and was often left to wait for others to finish work sheets, Now currently attending an online high school based in NZ, achieving amazing results.

My middle child struggled early on in the system following the curriculum, she suffered light sensitivity. She was prep level in grade two. Teachers refused to turn the fluorescent lights off that reflected badly for her off the whiteboard. She was also recommended to use blue paper rather than white to assist her with her vision, even after supplying the blue paper to the school, at the end of the year there was only 5 blue worksheets out of a full 54 page book full of worksheets ? After pulling her out of mainstream school for a few years, where we could control her learning area to better suit her needs and spending countless hours, money on support programs and catching her up she is now attending distance education and achieving on grade or above grades. This kid is a prime example of homeschooling picking up after your failed system and curriculum.

My youngest... he is me as a young fella, I know first hand where he will end up in the system, he is extremely clever, just a hands on practical learner. We are able to engage his learning to suit his interests, make it a hands on experience and adjust the learning to better suit his needs. I don't know anyone better than myself to understand his needs and how to educate him.

Here is examples of just one Queensland home and how the National curriculum and the entire school system dose not suit all children! However, all three children are catered for to their **individual** needs, they are supported, encouraged and told they are amazing every single day! They are all happy engaged learners who strive to be great every single day!

Thank you for your time,

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